

What If...♦♦♦



**SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**WHAT IF YOU COULD GET A BETTER JOB?**

**WHAT IF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
FINALLY GO TO COLLEGE?**

**WHAT IF YOU COULD INCREASE YOUR  
EARNING POTENTIAL?**

**WHAT IF YOU COULD MAKE A BETTER LIFE  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?**

**WHAT IF IT WAS FREE AND THERE WERE  
PEOPLE TO HELP YOU AT EVERY STEP  
ALONG THE WAY?**

**WHAT IF YOU COULD DO IT  
AT TIMES AND IN LOCATIONS CONVENIENT  
TO YOUR JOB OR HOME?**

## **WOULD YOU DO IT?**

Of course you would, and the great news is that now you can, simply by earning your GED (General Educational Development) diploma.

The Shelton State Adult Education Program focuses on helping people improve their literacy skills, complete the GED, obtain additional education and training and get a better job in order to become self sufficient and have a better life.

The program now offers adults in the West Alabama area the opportunity to take GED preparation courses at several locations throughout the West Alabama area. These classes are offered at a wide variety of times for the student's convenience. Each learner works at his/her own pace. All materials are adult oriented and furnished free to the learner.

## **WHAT IS A GED?**

The GED Diploma is a high school equivalency diploma issued by the State of Alabama to those who pass the GED test. The GED Test measures how well someone has mastered the skills and general knowledge that are acquired in a four-year high school education in the areas of social studies, science, language arts-reading, language arts-writing and mathematics. The test does not expect you to remember numerous details, definitions, or facts. You are expected to demonstrate the ability to think about a variety of issues. Therefore, you should not be at a disadvantage if you have been out of school for a while.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE GED TEST?**

Any person who is 18 years of age or older and not enrolled in school.\*\*

*\*\*Exception: 16 and 17 year olds may take the GED test with letter of approval from the legal guardian and an official withdrawal letter from area school.*

## **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO EARN A GED?**

Since everyone is different, there is no answer to this question. A lot depends on how long you stayed in school, your reading and math levels, your ability to think critically, and your willingness to study. We do know that people who study regularly, follow directions, and work hard may earn their GED more quickly than those who do not. We recommend studying at least 2 hours a day, 5 days a week.

## **WHAT IS THE TEST LIKE?**

Five separate tests make up the GED. Test questions range in difficulty from easy to hard, and cover a wide range of subjects. Each of the five tests uses a multiple-choice question format. In addition, every GED candidate must also satisfactorily complete a timed essay on an assigned topic in order to pass the GED Tests.

## **WHAT SCORE DO I NEED TO PASS THE TEST?**

In order to pass the GED test and earn an Alabama certificate of High School Equivalency, you will need to score at least 410 on each of the five subject areas and an average of 450 on the whole test.

## **WHAT IF I DON'T PASS THE FIRST TIME?**

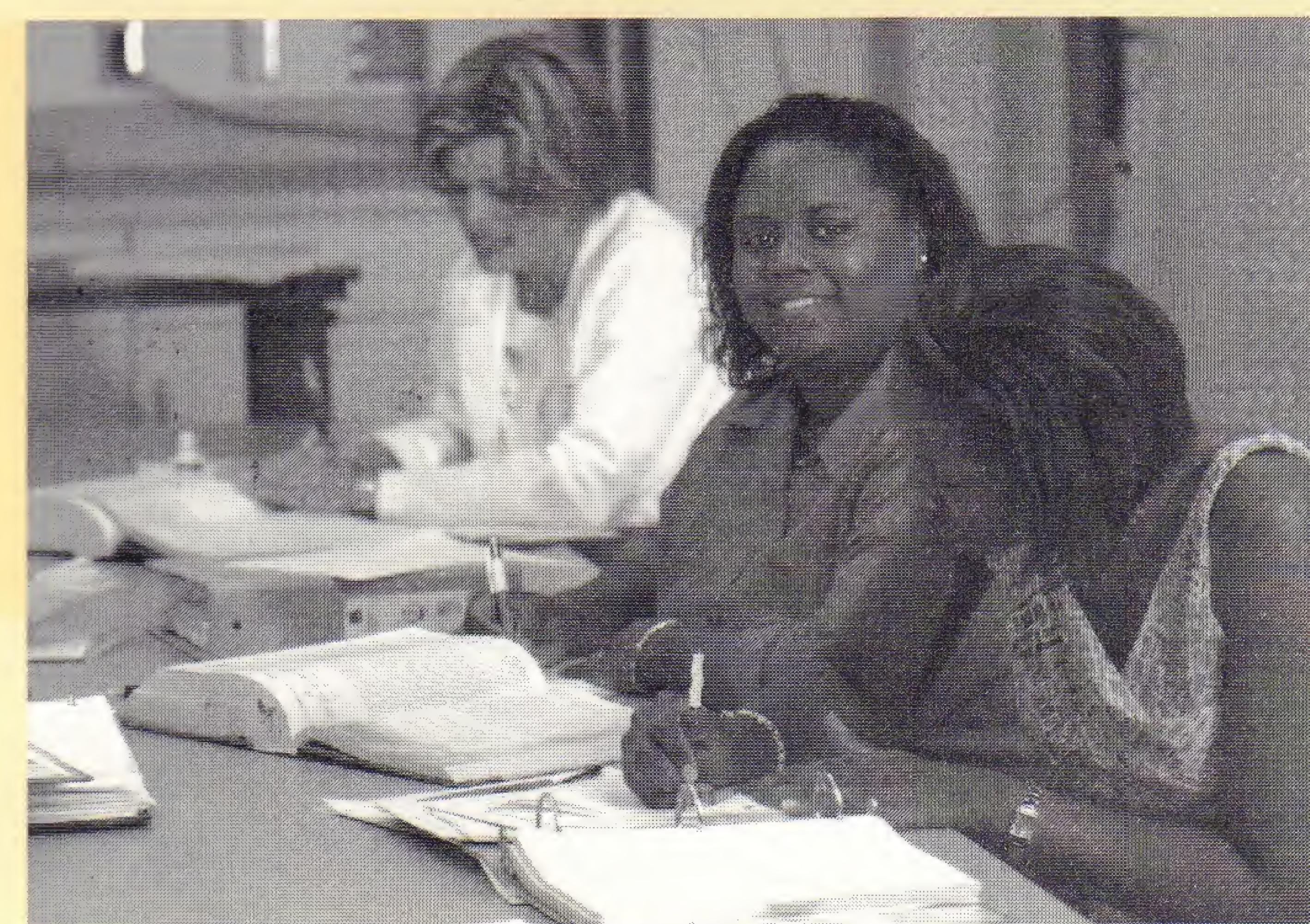
You may retake any portion that you failed in six weeks. You are allowed to take the test a maximum of three times in one year.

## **HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?**

Your classroom materials will be provided for free and the test costs \$50. Retests are \$10 each.

## **WHERE DO I TAKE THE TEST?**

The GED test is offered at The University of Alabama Test Center in Tuscaloosa (205/348-6760) or the Hale County Educational Center in Greensboro (334/624-3691). You may contact them to schedule a test date and time when you are ready.



*This program is wonderful, because it gives those of us who have messed up a second chance...I am happy to have the opportunity to be the best that I can be.*

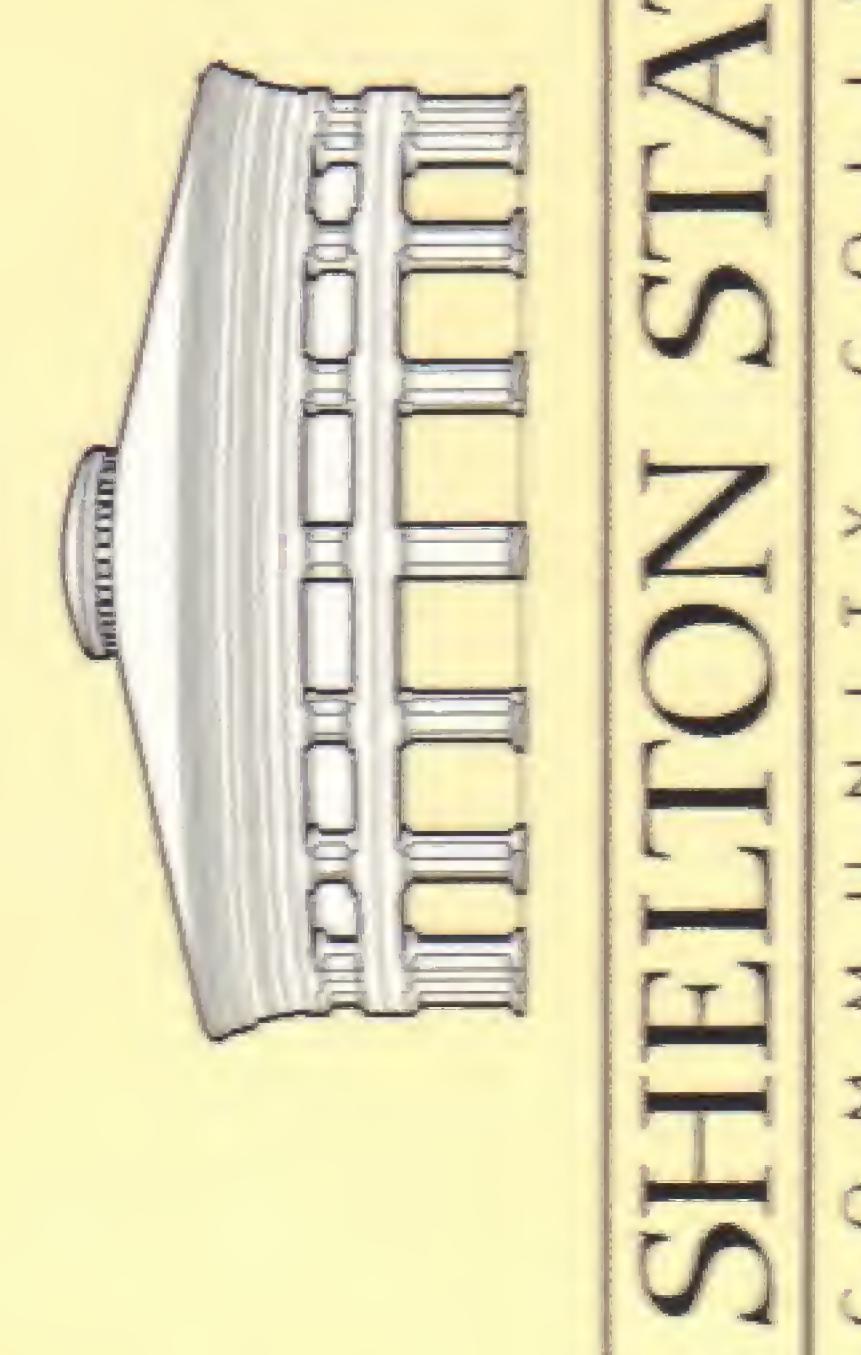
*~ Jonathan Peoples*

## WHAT'S NEXT?

After earning their GED, students have the opportunity to go straight to work, to enter job training programs or to start their college career. Some students even choose to enroll in short certificate programs while they are working on their GED. Students who haven't completed the GED and have passed the Ability to Benefit Test may enroll in one of the following programs: Automotive Body Repair; Barbering; Carpentry; Commercial Food Service; Diesel Mechanics; Heavy Equipment Operator; Nursing Assistant; Welding. For more information call 205/391-2662.

*I am honored to have the opportunity to be taught by such caring individuals. My life has been impacted in such a way that I cannot put it into words. Thank you all at Shelton State for the wonderful world you helped me open.*

~Shanna Taylor

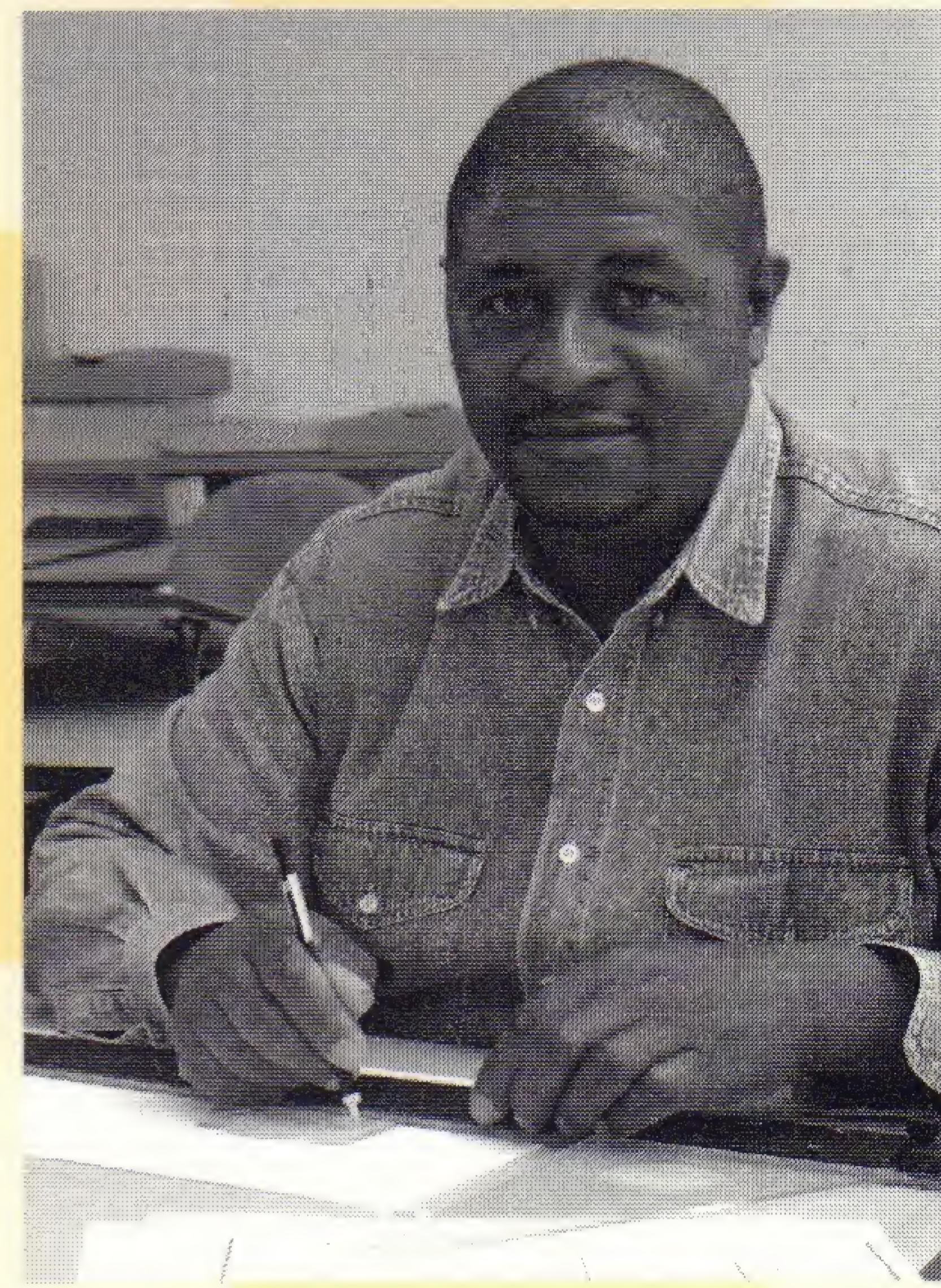


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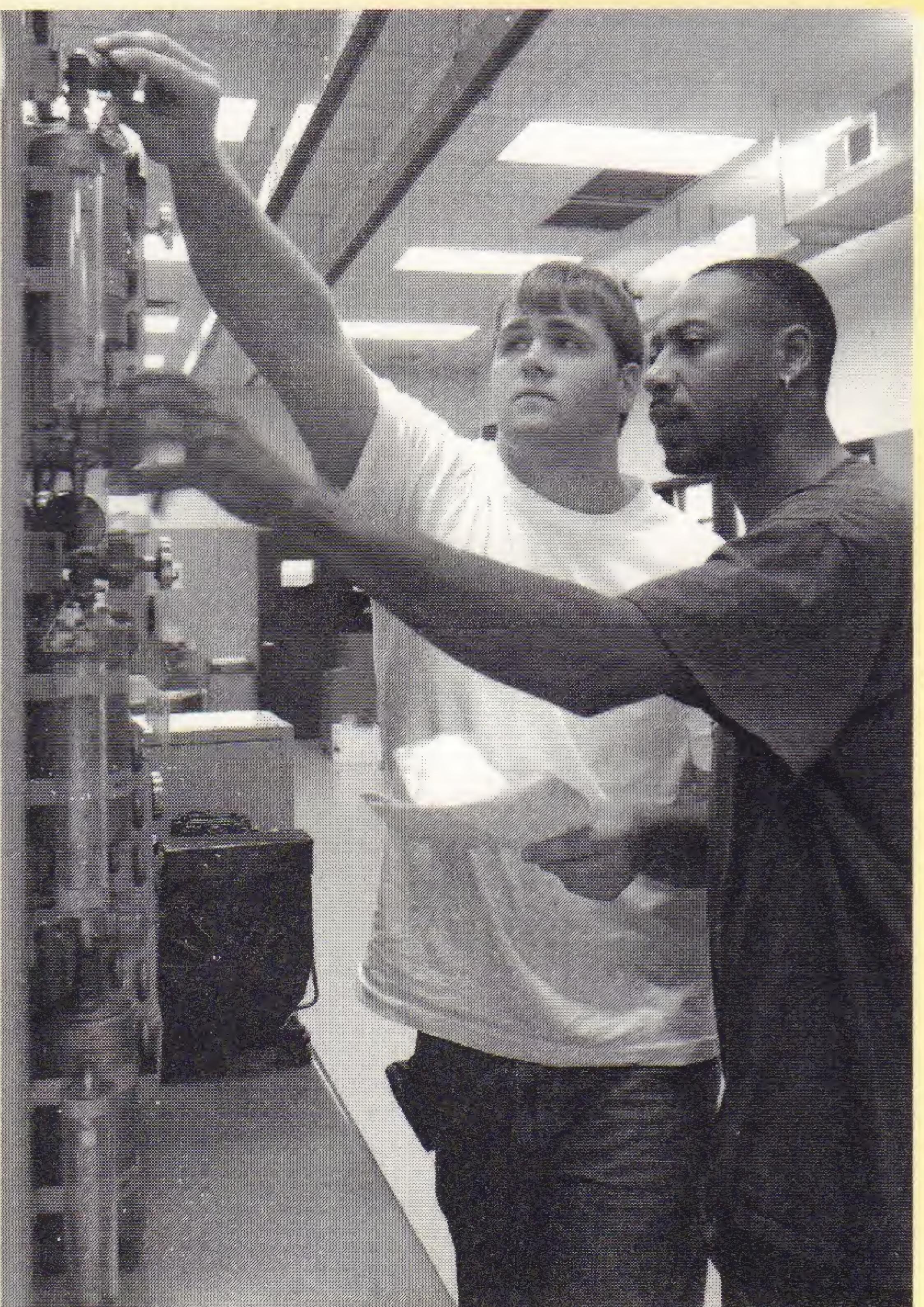
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